

# Beam Based Alignment Using a Neural Network\*

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Beams usually do not travel through the magnet centers due to errors in storage rings. The beam deviating from the quadrupole centers is affected by additional dipole fields due to magnetic field feed-down. The beam-based alignment (BBA) is often performed to find a golden orbit, on which the beam circulates around the quadrupole center axes. For storage rings with a large number of quadrupoles, the conventional BBA procedure is time-consuming, especially in the commissioning phase due to the necessary iterative process. Additionally, the conventional BBA method can be affected by strong coupling and nonlinearity of the storage ring optics. In this work, a novel method based on a neural network is proposed to find the golden orbit in a much shorter time with reasonable accuracy. This golden orbit can be directly used for operation, or can be adopted as the starting point for the conventional BBA. The method is demonstrated in the HLS-II storage ring for the first time, through simulation and online experiments. The results of the experiments show that the golden orbit obtained using this new method is consistent with that from the conventional BBA. The development of this new method and corresponding experiments are reported in this paper.

Keywords: Golden orbit, Beam-based alignment, Neural network, Storage ring.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Ideally, the beam in a storage ring should circulate on the orbit passing through the axes of all magnet centers, which is called the golden orbit. The beam orbit may deviate from the ideal path due to various errors, such as misalignment, magnet imperfection, power regulation errors, etc. When the beam traverses the magnets with orbit offsets, it will see undesired magnetic fields which is called feed-down [1]. The feed-down of a quadrupole with an orbit offset causes an additional dipole field. To minimize this effect, the beam-based alignment can be adopted to determine the golden orbit for machine operation. It has been widely used in the commissioning of storage rings [2, 3]. For storage rings with long circumference, such as most diffraction-limited storage rings (DL-SRs), the number of quadrupoles is large and the conventional BBA method becomes much time-consuming [4]. Recently a fast BBA method is developed in the ALBA light source using AC excitation of the orbit correctors and fast beam position data acquisition [5–7]. At HLS-II, with no need to upgrade the hardware, a machine learning (ML) based method is developed to find the golden orbit for storage rings [8].

Neural networks (NNs) have been widely applied in artificial intelligence and have gained great success in various fields. Its application has also been introduced to the area of particle accelerators [9–12]. At Advanced Light Source (ALS), an NN model is used to maintain the vertical beam size when the gap of insertion devices varies [13]. The NN model can also be used to greatly reduce the simulation time for the optimization of beam dynamics [14]. At Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility (SSRF), the image processing technique using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) is adopted to extract bunch longitudinal phase infor-

mation [15]. These applications show great potential of NNs in improving accelerator performances.

In this paper, we present a new BBA method that uses an NN model to predict the golden orbit of a storage ring. To initiate the experiment, different closed orbits are generated by randomly changing the strength of all orbit correctors. The beam with various orbit deviations in the quadrupoles is subject to various amount of influence from their feed-down. This effect can be evaluated by measuring the orbit change caused by quadrupole strength variation. Since the beam on the ideal golden orbit should not be disturbed by changing the quadrupole strength, an NN model can then be trained to search for the orbit that is least affected by varying quadrupole strength. To train this model, the orbit differences due to quadrupole change is used as the input data, and the corresponding orbits before quadrupole adjustment is used as the output data. The golden orbit is then predicted by setting the input value as zero to the NN model.

The new BBA method is tested in the HLS-II storage ring through simulation and online experiments to demonstrate its validity. The result shows that the golden orbit obtained from the NN model is consistent with that obtained by several iterations with the conventional method. The golden orbit obtained using this method can be directly used for operation or used as a starting point to speed up the conventional BBA that requires several iterations. In general, this new method is less time-consuming compared to the conventional BBA especially in the case during the initial commissioning [16].

In the following sections, the methods of the conventional BBA and the new BBA using an NN model are shown in Section II. The simulated result using these two BBA methods in the HLS-II storage ring is described in Section III. The online experiments using both BBA methods are introduced in Section IV. Finally the work is summarized in Section V.

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67 **II. BEAM-BASED ALIGNMENT**68 **A. Conventional BBA method**

The purpose of the BBA is to find a reference orbit in which the beam passes the centers of all quadrupoles in a storage ring using beam position monitors (BPMs) and orbit corrector magnets (OCMs). A quadrupole generates dipole fields with strengths

$$B_x = B_0 \rho_0 K_0 y_0, \quad (1)$$

$$B_y = B_0 \rho_0 K_0 x_0, \quad (2)$$

where  $B_0 \rho_0$  is the magnetic rigidity,  $K_0$  is the normalized quadrupole strength,  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  are the beam offsets relative to the quadrupole center in the horizontal and vertical plane, respectively. Therefore, changing the quadrupole strength by  $\Delta K$  causes a dipole field variation by

$$\Delta B_x = B_0 \rho_0 \Delta K y_0, \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta B_y = B_0 \rho_0 \Delta K x_0, \quad (4)$$

resulting in a kick which leads to an orbit change at an observation point  $s$  by [17]

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{u}(s) = \Delta K \mathbf{u}(s_0) & \left( \frac{1}{1 - K_0 \frac{L_0 \beta(s_0)}{2 \tan(\pi \nu)}} \right) \\ & \times \frac{\sqrt{\beta(s) \beta(s_0)}}{2 \sin(\pi \nu)} \cos(|\phi(s) - \phi(s_0)| - \pi \nu), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $L_0$  is the length of the quadrupole,  $\nu$  is the betatron tune,  $\beta(s_0)$  and  $\beta(s)$  are the beta functions at the locations of the quadrupole and observation point respectively,  $\phi(s_0)$  and  $\phi(s)$  are the phase advances at the locations of the quadrupole and observation point and  $\mathbf{u}$  stands for the beam positions in the horizontal and vertical plane. This equation shows that the beam orbit can be affected by the quadrupole strength variation and also the beam positions in the quadrupoles. To avoid this effect, the reference orbit of the orbit feedback system is usually set to the centers of all quadrupoles with  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ . This reference orbit can be determined using the BBA technique.

The quadrupole center is measured using its nearest BPM. Suppose that when the beam goes through the quadrupole center, the related reading of this BPM is  $v_0$ . According to Eq. (5), by changing the quadrupole strength  $\Delta K$ , the beam orbit change is given by

$$\Delta \mathbf{u} = \Delta K \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_0), \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{v}$  is the reading of the target BPM before quadrupole strength change and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the coefficient which can be easily obtained from Eq. (5). To measure the quadrupole center, the beam is set to several difference positions at its related BPM. For each position, the quadrupole strength is then changed with the same  $\Delta K$  and the corresponding orbit change is recorded. By applying a linear fit to Eq. (6), the quadrupole center  $v_0$  is obtained. This conventional BBA always determines the horizontal and vertical offsets separately [18]. The above analysis implies that the coefficient

$\mathcal{F}$  is treated as a constant, which means the beam optics remain unchanged during BBA process. In fact, the change of quadrupole strength and the closed orbit distortion can affect the beam optics. At the beginning of commissioning, the beam orbit and beam optics are possibly far different from the ideal model which induces strong nonlinearity and coupling. In this case, it needs several iterations for the conventional BBA method to eliminate the nonlinear effects and obtain more accurate quadrupole centers. A neural network with multi-layers which deals with nonlinear problems can be adopted for the BBA process [19, 20].

110 **B. BBA using a neural network**

BBA is based on the principle that the off-axis beam is affected by the quadrupole strength change. The golden orbit can then be evaluated using the relation between the orbit changes and the initial beam orbits before varying the quadrupole strength. This relation can be explored by training a neural network using the orbit changes as the input data and the initial orbits as the output data. By setting the orbit change to zero, the corresponding initial beam orbit is just the predicted golden orbit. The main idea of this new BBA method is shown in Fig. 1. To obtain data for training the NN model, the simulation or online experiment is carried out as follows:

- 123 Randomly exciting all corrector magnets to form a initial closed orbit;
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- 125 Recording all BPM readings;
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- 127 Changing all quadrupoles with a same amount to form a new closed orbit.
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- 129 Recording the changes in all BPM readings;
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- 131 Resuming the quadrupole and corrector strengths to the original values;
- 132 Repeating the above procedures.

A typical dense neural network has one input layer, several hidden layers (also called middle layers), and one output layer, as shown in Fig. 2 [21]. The nodes are called neurons where the data are transferred. The nodes between adjacent layers are connected to each other by an arrow, which shows the flow of data. Each arrow represents a linear transformation combined with an activation function used to introduce nonlinearity if necessary [11]. A loss function is used to describe the performance of the neural network. The NN also needs an optimizer function to optimize the parameters used for data transmission. The optimization is carried out by minimizing the loss value.

144 **III. SIMULATION STUDY FOR THE HLS-II STORAGE RING**

146 Simulation is carried out to evaluate the validity of the new 147 BBA method based on an NN model before online experi-

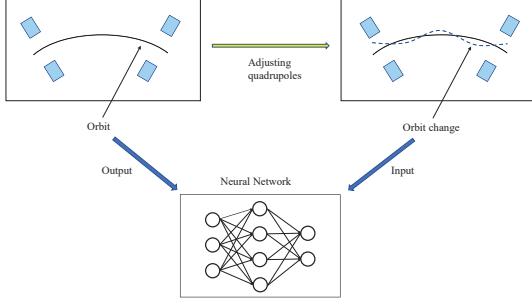


Fig. 1. Schematic of the neural network based BBA method. Different orbits are generated by randomly adjusting the orbit correctors. On each orbit, all quadrupoles are changed with the same  $\Delta K$  at the same time to generate orbit changes. The orbit changes are used as the input data of the neural network and the corresponding initial orbits are used as the output data for the training.

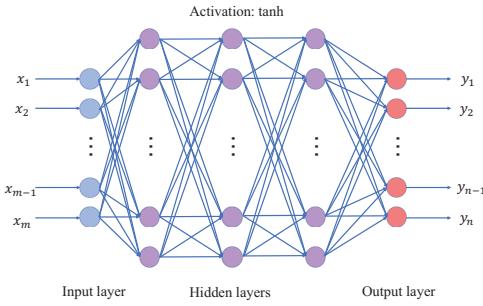


Fig. 2. Diagram of a typical dense neural network, which consists of one input layer, several hidden layers and one output layer. Here hyperbolic tangent (tanh) is adopted as the activation function.

148 ments. The accelerator toolbox (AT) is used for the simula-  
149 tion in this work [22]. TensorFlow, which is adopted in this  
150 work, provides a flexible platform that makes it easy for users  
151 to build and train an NN model [23, 24].

152 The HLS-II storage ring has two super periods with a cir-  
153 cumference of 66.1 m. The layout for one super period is  
154 shown in Fig. 3. The orbit system of the storage ring consists  
155 of 32 BPMs and 32 correctors combined to the sextupoles.  
156 32 quadrupoles are installed which need to measure their real  
157 centers through the BBA procedure [25].

158 Random rotation and shift errors are applied to simulate the  
159 misalignment of the elements and girders. The errors are gen-  
160 erated in a normal distribution with truncation at three stan-  
161 dard deviations. According to the design report, the error set-  
162 tings of all magnets, girders and BPMs are listed in Table 1.  
163 A set of misalignment errors of the whole ring is shown in Ta-  
164 ble 4. The magnet strength errors are also applied. The BPM  
165 random measurement error is set as 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  [26].

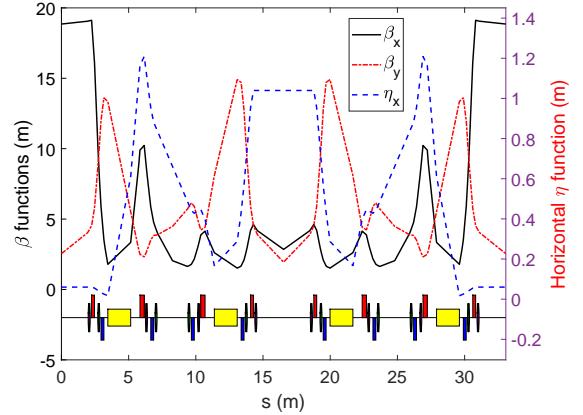


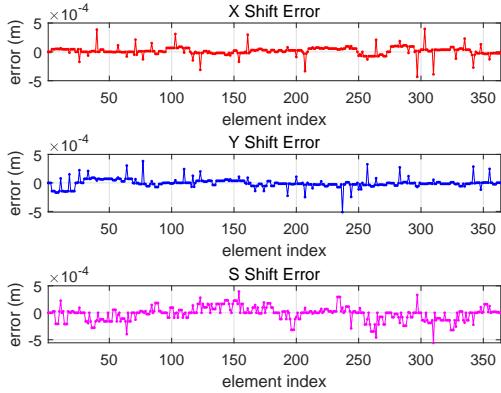
Fig. 3. One super period of the HLS-II lattice. There are 32 quadrupoles and 32 BPMs in the storage ring. The 32 combined-function sextupoles are used as the horizontal and vertical correctors.

Table 1. Misalignment error settings used for the HLS-II storage ring.

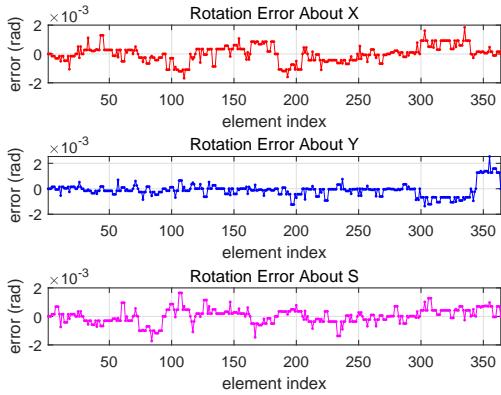
Type Axis	Shift error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )			Rotation error ( $\mu\text{rad}$ )		
	X	Y	S	X	Y	S
Girder	50	50	200	500	500	500
Dipole	200	200	150	500	500	500
Quadrupole	200	200	150	500	500	500
Sextupole	200	200	150	500	500	500
BPM	200	200	150	500	500	500

### A. Conventional BBA method

166 In the conventional BBA measurement for one quadrupole,  
167 the beam is moved to three different positions with the help  
168 of the corrector magnets [27]. At each position, the change  
169 in the beam orbit from all BPM readings is recorded after  
170 varying the strength of the target quadrupole with a certain  
171  $\Delta K$ . The orbit changes can be fitted linearly as a function  
172 of the beam position in the target quadrupole. An immobile  
173 point can be found by setting the position at which the BPM  
174 changes vanish. The quadrupole center is then obtained by  
175 adding up all immobile points from each BPM. A whole BBA  
176 routine repeats this process for all quadrupoles in both hori-  
177 zontal and vertical planes in the storage ring. To increase the  
178 BBA accuracy, one can repeat the measurement after moving  
179 the beam to the orbit obtained from the previous BBA exper-  
180 iment. This scheme is usually needed at the machine com-  
181 missioning stage. Fig. 5 shows the simulated measurement of  
182 the horizontal and vertical centers of one quadrupole magnet  
183 in the HLS-II storage ring. At least three conventional BBA  
184 iterations are needed to decrease the standard deviation of the  
185 fitted Gaussian function of the quadrupole center to several  
186 microns, which is the same order of BPM measurement reso-  
187 lution [28].

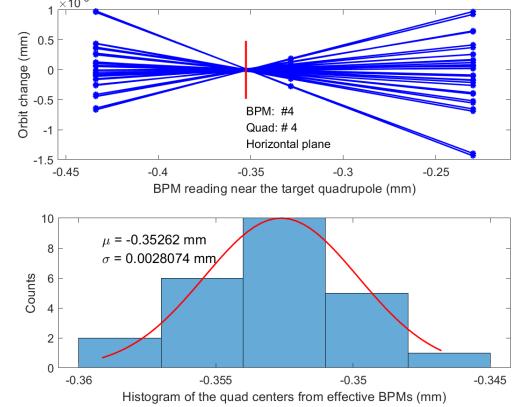


(a) Shift error

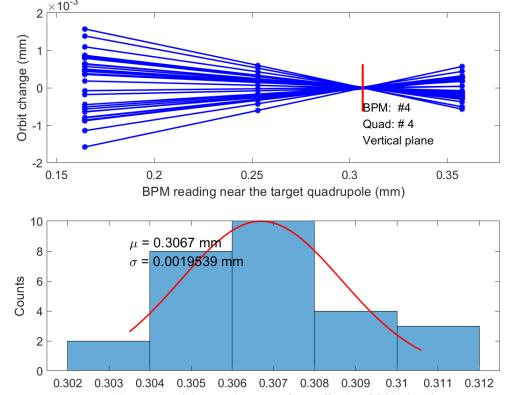


(b) Rotation error

Fig. 4. Misalignment errors applied to the HLS-II storage ring. (a) Shift errors. (b) Rotation errors.



(a) The horizontal plane



(b) The vertical plane

Fig. 5. Simulated BBA measurement in the HLS-II storage ring. The horizontal and vertical measurement is applied respectively. (a) Horizontal quadrupole center measurement. (b) Vertical quadrupole center measurement. The plots show the orbit change observed from all BPMs by varying the target quadrupole strength with a certain  $\Delta K$  when the beam is at three different positions. For each BPM, its changes can be fitted to find a center for the quadrupole. All of the found centers are then fitted using the Gaussian function. The red line shows the fitted centers using all BPMs, which represents the BBA center of this quadrupole.

210 input of the model, and the 64 sets of the corresponding initial orbit data are set as the output of the model. 80% of the  
 211 data are used to train the model and the rest are used to test  
 212 the performance of the model. There are 128, 256 and 128  
 213 neurons in the three hidden layer, respectively. The tanh is  
 214 taken as the activation function to provide nonlinearity. The  
 215 NN model is trained using the Adam optimizer [29]. The loss  
 216 function is the mean squared error (MSE) between the mea-  
 217 sured data and model-predicted result, which is

$$219 \quad \text{loss} = \text{mean}((\mathbf{r}_{\text{model}} - \mathbf{r}_{\text{real}})^2). \quad (7)$$

220 Fig. 8 shows the comparison of the golden orbits obtained  
 221 from the conventional BBA and the BBA using a neural net-  
 222 work. The good consistency of these two BBA methods

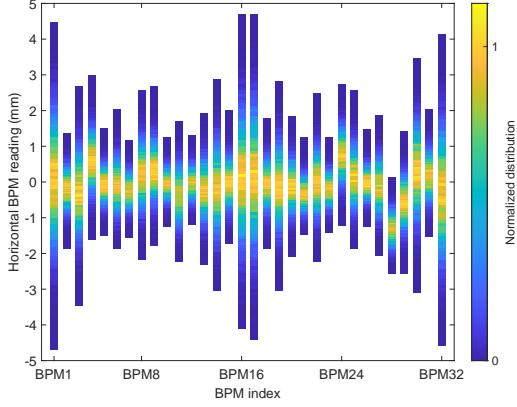
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## B. BBA using an NN model

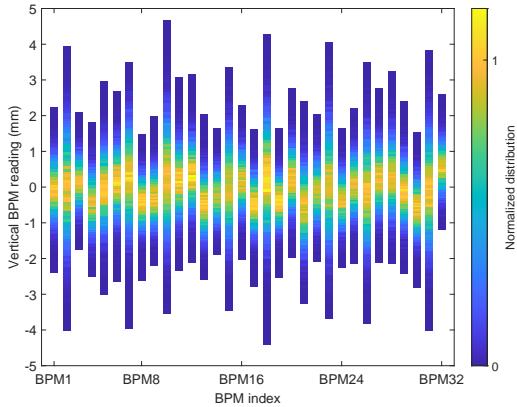
191 In the simulation, the correctors are set randomly with a  
 192 certain range kicks to move the beam orbit. Here, the kick  
 193 angle variations are generated by a normal distribution with  
 194 the standard deviation of 0.05 mrad and a truncation at three  
 195 standard deviations is applied. For each random orbit, all  
 196 quadrupoles are simultaneously changed with a same amount  
 197 of  $\Delta K$  ( $-0.02 \text{ m}^{-2}$ ). The corresponding initial beam orbit  
 198 and orbit changes are recorded from all BPMs.

199 The whole simulation generates 10000 samples. In each  
 200 sample, there are 64 initial orbits and 64 orbit change data,  
 201 with 32 in the horizontal plane and 32 in the vertical plane.  
 202 These samples are adopted for training the neural network.  
 203 Fig. 6 shows the random initial beam orbits within a range  
 204 of  $(-5, 5)$  mm. Fig. 7 shows the orbit change after the  
 205 quadrupole adjustment. The range of orbit change is within  
 206  $(-1.5, 1.3)$  mm and  $(-0.8, 0.8)$  mm in the horizontal and  
 207 vertical plane, respectively.

208 To obtain the golden orbit, an NN model is trained using  
 209 these data. The 64 sets of orbit change data are set as the

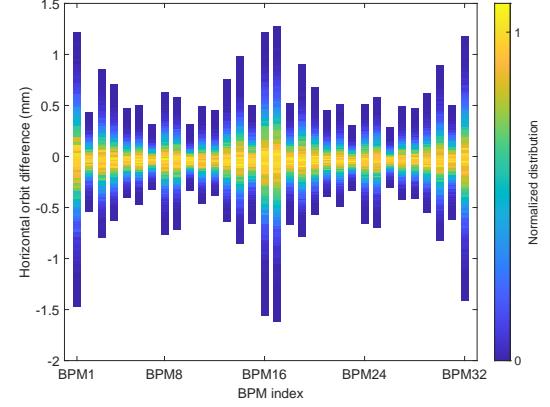


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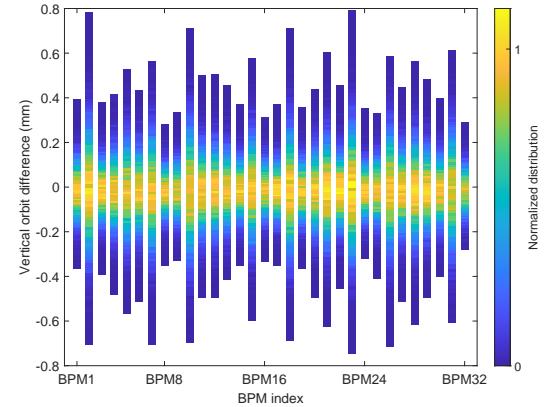


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Fig. 6. Distribution of the initial orbits generated by randomly adjusting the orbit correctors within a certain range. (a) Initial orbits in the horizontal plane. (b) Initial orbits in the vertical plane.

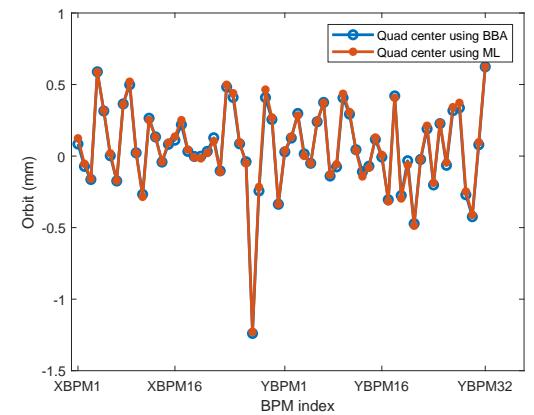


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Fig. 7. Distribution of orbit change caused by varying the quadrupole strength for each random orbit in the simulation. (a) Horizontal orbit changes. (b) Vertical orbit changes.



(a) Quadrupole centers

Fig. 8. The quadrupole centers obtained from the conventional BBA and the NN-based BBA. The simulation shows good consistency of these two methods.

223 shows the validity and effectiveness of this new BBA tech-  
224 nique. Next the online experiment is carried out in the HLS-II  
225 storage ring.

#### 226 IV. ONLINE EXPERIMENT IN THE HLS-II STORAGE 227 RING

228 The conventional BBA has been applied to the HLS-II  
229 storage ring [30]. Fig. 9 shows the BBA result for one  
230 quadrupole. The errors of fitting for most quadrupoles are  
231 within 20  $\mu$ m.

##### 232 A. Training data acquisition

233 Similar to the simulation, the training data could be ob-  
234 tained from the real storage ring. Before experiment, the  
235 magnet strengths are set according to the result from the early  
236 commissioning of the storage ring. In this case, the beam

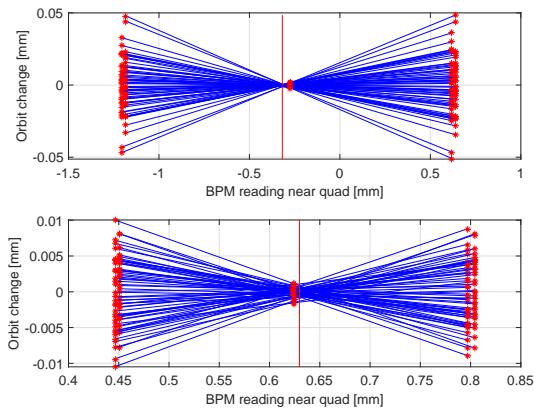


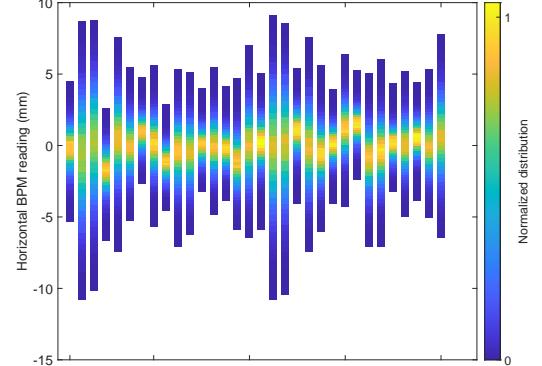
Fig. 9. Measurement of BBA for one quadrupole in the HLS-II storage ring. The upper and lower plots show the horizontal and vertical orbit changes observed from all BPMs by varying the target quadrupole strength with a certain  $\Delta K$  when the beam is at three different positions. For each BPM, the change in its reading can be fitted to find a center for the quadrupole. The red line shows the averaged fitted centers using all BPMs, which represents the BBA center of this quadrupole.

237 is not on the golden orbit which connects the centers of the  
238 quadrupoles. The online experiment for obtaining training  
239 data is reported in this subsection.

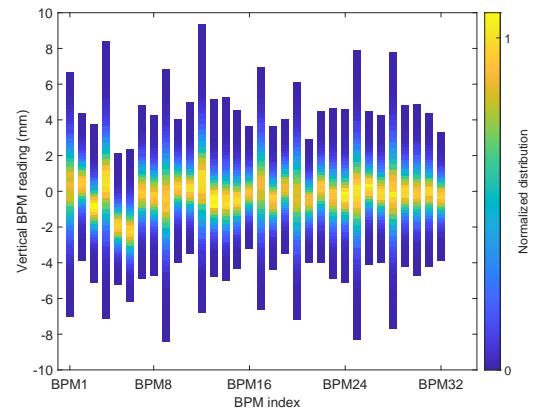
240 During the online experiment, the orbit feedback system  
241 is turned off and the correctors are randomly set to gener-  
242 ate different orbits. As a compromise of beam stability and  
243 data diversity, the adjustment range of all correctors is set to  
244  $\pm 0.8$  A relative to the starting point. This adjustment range  
245 of correctors ensures no beam loss during the experiment by  
246 controlling the orbit change within a distinguishable range, as  
247 shown in Fig. 10. The horizontal tune in the HLS-II storage  
248 ring is about 4.44 while the vertical tune is 2.36 which is fur-  
249 ther from the half-integer. When the quadrupole strength is  
250 increased simultaneously, the horizontal tune increases and  
251 easily reaches the half-integer resonance and causes beam  
252 loss. Therefore, all quadrupoles strength is adjusted in the  
253 decreasing direction, by an amount of  $-0.02 \text{ m}^{-2}$  (normal-  
254 ized focusing strength). After the orbit change is recorded, all  
255 quadrupole strength is restored to the original values. For the  
256 HLS-II storage ring, the time constant for the orbit corrector  
257 power supplies is about 15 ms [30]. The time constant for the  
258 quadrupole power supplies is about 30 ms. This means that  
259 one complete loop of this measurement could be done within  
260 1 second. To ensure the accuracy of the data acquisition, the  
261 measurement time for one loop is set to 2 seconds.

262 The online experiment is carried out during the machine  
263 study time [31]. The whole measurement generates 21000  
264 samples. These samples are adopted for training the neural  
265 network. Fig. 10 shows the randomly generated initial beam  
266 orbits before varying the quadrupole strength. The distribu-  
267 tion shows that the orbits are generated within the range of  
268 about  $(-10, 10)$  mm, and the densest distribution is around 0.  
269 The orbit change after the quadrupole adjustment is also an-

270 alyzed, and the distribution of the orbit differences is plotted  
271 in Fig. 11. The range of orbit change is within  $(-3, 2)$  mm in  
272 the horizontal plane and within  $(-1.5, 1.5)$  mm in the vertical  
273 plane.



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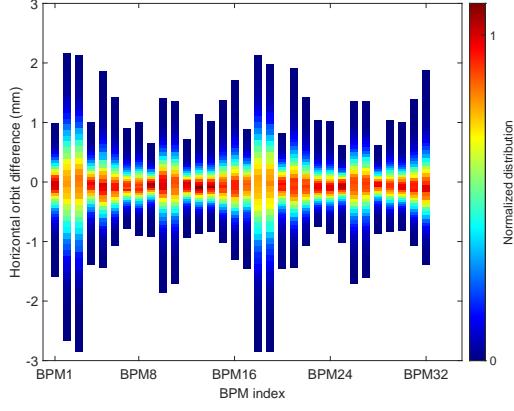


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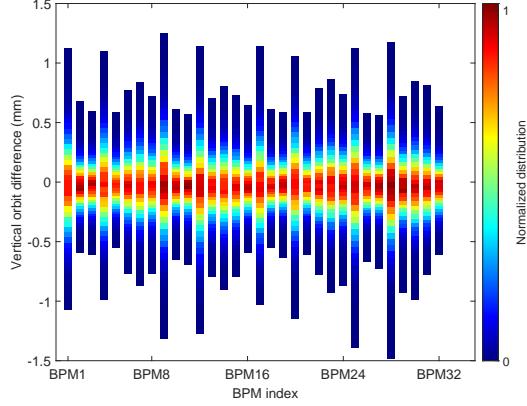
Fig. 10. Distribution of the orbits generated by randomly adjusting the orbit correctors within a certain range. (a) Horizontal BPM readings. (b) Vertical BPM readings.

## B. NN model training using online data

274 In this subsection, the relation between the initial orbit and  
275 orbit change after quadrupole adjustment is explored using a  
276 dense neural network. Similar to the simulation, the 64 sets  
277 of the orbit change data are set as the input to the model, and  
278 the 64 sets of the corresponding initial orbit data are set as the  
279 output of the model. To figure out the data size requirement,  
280 two models are trained with different numbers of samples. In  
281 model I, all 21000 samples are adopted, 5/6 of the samples  
282 are used for training, and 1/6 are the validation data set. As  
283 a comparison, model II is trained with only 3000 samples in  
284 the training set and 600 samples in the validation set, namely  
285 3600 samples are adopted in total. The Adam optimizer and

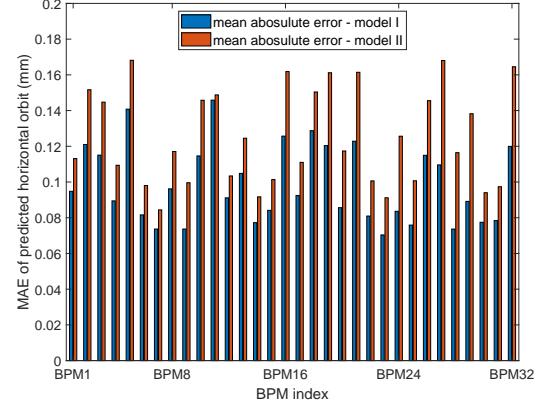


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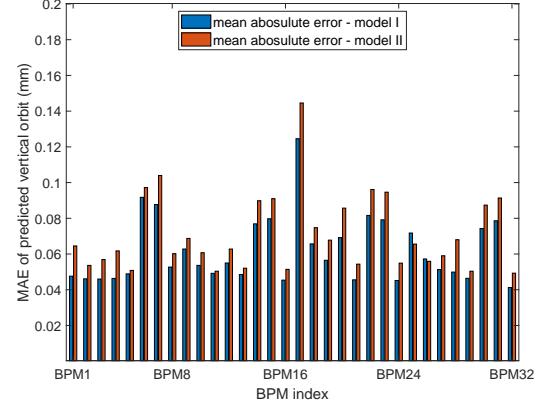


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Fig. 11. Distribution of orbit change after varying the quadrupoles for each random orbit. (a) Horizontal orbit change. (b) Vertical orbit change.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 12. The mean absolute error (MAE) between the measured beam orbits and predicted values of the validation samples for all BPMs. (a) Horizontal plane. (b) Vertical plane.

287 the MSE loss function are used for training models.

288 The trained NN models are evaluated by calculating the  
289 mean absolute error (MAE) between the measured real values  
290 and model-predicted values of the validation samples for each  
291 BPM:

$$292 \quad \text{MAE} = \text{mean}(|\mathbf{r}_{\text{measured}} - \mathbf{r}_{\text{predicted}}|). \quad (8)$$

293 The absolute error for both models is shown in Fig. 12, which  
294 shows that the errors of model I are smaller than those of  
295 model II. In the horizontal plane, the overall averaged abso-  
296 lute error is around 99  $\mu\text{m}$  for model I and 125  $\mu\text{m}$  for model  
297 II. In the vertical plane, the overall averaged absolute error is  
298 around 62  $\mu\text{m}$  for model I and 71  $\mu\text{m}$  for model II. The result  
299 shows that increasing samples for the NN model training can  
300 improve the model accuracy.

### 301 C. Golden orbit from the NN model

302 In the NN training, the orbit changes caused by varying  
303 the quadrupoles are used as the input data. The correspond-

304 ing initial orbits are used as the output data. The beam on  
305 the golden orbit should have the least orbit distortion (ideally  
306 zero) due to the change in quadrupole strength. Therefore, we  
307 can set the input as zero to the NN model and the correspond-  
308 ing output is just the golden orbit.

309 To estimate its accuracy, this golden orbit is compared with  
310 that obtained using the conventional BBA method and the re-  
311 sult is shown in Fig. 13. The sub-figures in Fig. 13 show  
312 the difference between the novel and conventional BBA. The  
313 result shows that this golden orbit is consistent with that ob-  
314 tained from the conventional BBA. In the horizontal plane,  
315 the averaged difference between the conventional BBA and  
316 the model prediction is around 46  $\mu\text{m}$  for model I and 53  $\mu\text{m}$   
317 for model II. In the vertical plane, the averaged difference  
318 between the conventional BBA and the model prediction is  
319 around 42  $\mu\text{m}$  for model I and 39  $\mu\text{m}$  for model II.

320 Although the training error of model I is obviously smaller  
321 than that of model II, the difference in the predicted golden  
322 orbits from these two models does not have a large devia-  
323 tion [32]. In the HLS-II storage ring, the typical experimental

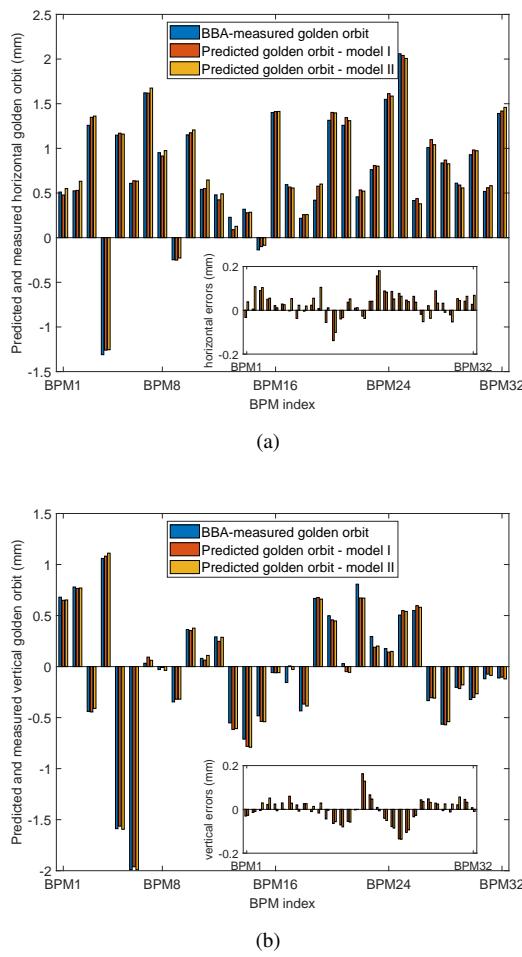


Fig. 13. Comparison of the golden orbit obtained using the NN model and the conventional BBA method. The difference between the two golden orbits is shown in the subfigure. (a) Horizontal golden orbit. (b) Vertical golden orbit.

324 period for the conventional BBA process is around 5 hours. In  
 325 the machine commissioning phase, this BBA process needs  
 326 to be repeated several times to obtain a precise result. Model  
 327 II uses only 3600 samples, which leads to a shorter online  
 328 measurement time (about 2 hours). As discussed above, the  
 329 online measurement time for this new method is irrelevant to  
 330 the total quadrupole number. This differs from the conven-  
 331 tional BBA where the larger the storage ring, the more time it

332 takes. On the other hand, the NN trained golden orbit can be  
 333 set as the starting point for the conventional BBA. This helps  
 334 to reduce the iterative process of the BBA starting from the  
 335 initial commissioning orbit and hence the experimental time.

## 336 V. SUMMARY

337 A novel method is developed to search for the golden or-  
 338 bit of a storage ring. This method trains a neural network  
 339 model using the simulated or online data of different closed  
 340 orbits and the corresponding orbit change caused by varying  
 341 all quadrupole strength simultaneously. The online experi-  
 342 ment can be done with less time especially for large storage  
 343 rings. This golden orbit is compared with the one obtained  
 344 using conventional BBA and the result shows good consis-  
 345 tency.

346 The NN-based BBA is a good choice for the commis-  
 347 sioning stage of a storage ring where the beam optics is far differ-  
 348 ent from the ideal model and the closed orbit is deviated from  
 349 the magnet centers. In this case, the linear process of the con-  
 350 ventional BBA is not accurate anymore. Besides, the conven-  
 351 tional BBA treats the horizontal and vertical orbits separately.  
 352 However, the coupling of a real machine is non-negligible es-  
 353 pecially when the coupling is not sufficiently corrected. The  
 354 NN-based method deals with the transverse planes simulta-  
 355 neously which naturally solves the coupling issue. Addition-  
 356 ally, the new BBA method can be better applied to storage  
 357 rings with strong nonlinear effects, which is often the case  
 358 for DLSRs. With strong nonlinearity, the conventional BBA  
 359 method might work within a limited region since the linear-  
 360 ity of the orbit response is assumed. Since the NNs can be  
 361 used to solve nonlinear problems as is well known, this NN-  
 362 based BBA method is expected to work more effectively for  
 363 the DLSRs. In another perspective, this new technique can  
 364 better deal with the cases where the quadrupoles are pow-  
 365 ered in series, since there is no need to vary the strength of  
 366 all quadrupoles individually. It is anticipated that some small  
 367 light sources or boosters will be benefited from this new BBA  
 368 method.

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